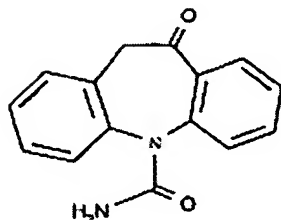


Abstract

The present invention provides for novel uses of the carbamazepine derivative of formula

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and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, in particular an improved regimen for the administration of the carbamazepine derivative of formula (I) and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof for the treatment of patients suffering from pain, in particular neuropathic pain, and the improvement of sleep; the use of oxcarbazepine for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of pain or the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for the improvement of sleep in human patients suffering from chronic pain; pharmaceutical composition comprising oxcarbazepine as sole active ingredient for the treatment of pain or for the improvement of sleep in human patients suffering from chronic pain and to packages comprising a pharmaceutical composition comprising as sole active ingredient oxcarbazepine together with instructions for the treatment of pain or together with instructions for improvement of sleep in human patients suffering from chronic pain.